



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

Janis Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 27, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on the following article and notified the Commission that she will be contacting Mr. Walter Chan, Contract Manager, Department of Children and Family Services, in support of keeping "Allen's Teen Care Group Home" (page 2, #5 and page 3, #1) open and to let him know the youths in the home are a higher, RCA Rating Level than listed on their contract.

- “Audits Shine A Light On Misdeeds At DCFS”, Daily Breeze, August 28, 2008, regarding a string of audits that found questionable practices in the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, which resulted in a lack of oversights.

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,017.83.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There were none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM AUGUST 27, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Aviva Center, Hamburger Home – 3, #5 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on August 7, 2008, and found to be in good condition.

Rosemary Children’s Services (Main Site) – 52, #1 – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby

The facility was visited on August 28, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

T & T Home For Boys – 57, #4 – Commissioner Montañó

The facility was visited on September 1, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Needs and Services plan needs to be updated; chores need to be posted.

Heritage Group Homes #5 – 28, #2 – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on September 2, 2008, and no one was home.

Rosemary Children’s Services (Romberger House) – 52, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby

The facility was visited on September 2, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: One smoke detector needs to be fixed.

Cunningham’s Group Home – 12, #4 – Commissioner Moore

The facility was visited on September 2, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Personnel rights were not posted; bathroom needs caulking; Auditor Controller asked for a letter stating employee without a valid driving license would not be transporting youths.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Hammargren stated homicide numbers in the city of Los Angeles are the lowest since 1967 according to the LAPD statistics.
- Commissioner Hall reported, she met with Ms. Courtney Nash and she was appreciative to be a recipient of the Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

RCL Rating Levels

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m. in memory of Mr. Roy Poole, staff member from the "T & T Group Homes For Boys".

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Davis
Commission Services Division